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SUBJ: BIO UPDATE ON DR. STEPHAN KOREN AND DR. MAUTNER-MARKHOF

1. ACCOMPANYING CHANCELLOR KREISKY ON HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON DURING STAY IN U.S. MARCH 13-19 WILL BE DR. KOREN AND DR. MAUTNER-MARKHOF. BIO UPDATE ON THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS FOLLOWS.

2. A) EMBASSY FILES INDICATE DEPARTMENT HAS BIO DATA ON KOREN THROUGH HIS 1970 APPOINTMENT AS PARLIAMENTARY FLOOR LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION PEOPLE'S PARTY (OVP). SINCE THEN, KOREN HAS CONTINUED TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN AUSTRIAN POLITICS, BOTH IN PARLIAMENT AND IN PARTY. AS FORMER FINANCE MINISTER HE SERVES AS THE OVP'S PRIMARY ECONOMICS EXPERT. B) KOREN IS A DYNAMIC SPEAKER AND EFFECTIVE OPPOSITION LEADER. IN ADDITION TO HIS POLITICAL ROLE HE TEACHES AT THE VIENNA ECONOMICS UNIVERSITY. HE HAS AN ENGAGING, OUTGOING PERSONALITY AND A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR. HE IS EASY TO TALK TO AND HIS FAVORITE PERSONAL TOPICS ARE DUTCH ART, AUSTRIAN MUSIC, AND 19TH CENTURY HISTORY. HE IS MARRIED AND HAS SIX CHILDREN. KOREN DRIVES A FORD MUSTANG, SPEAKS ENGLISH AND FRENCH, AND FROM ALL INDICATIONS IS QUITE WELL DISPOSED TOWARD THE U.S. HE LOST HIS RIGHT HAND DURING WORLD WAR II AND

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SHAKES HANDS WITH HIS LEFT.

3. A) PROFESSOR DR. MAUTNER-MARKHOF IS A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL AUSTRIAN INDUSTRIALIST WHO COMES FROM A VERY PROMINENT AND WELL-CONNECTED AUSTRIAN FAMILY OF FORMER NOBILITY. HE IS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE FAMILY CONKERN, BRAUEREI SCHWECHAT A. G., AUSTRIA'S

LARGEST BREWERY. HE IS ALSO AN OFFICER OF SEVERAL OTHER FAMILY-OWNED COMPANIES IN THE BEER AND BEVERAGE INDUSTRY. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF SIEMENS GMBH., LECTURER IN INTERNATIONAL MARKETING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE VIENNA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. B) MAUTNER-MARKHOF WAS BORN IN VIENNA ON FEBRUARY 6, 1927. HE TOOK A DEGREE IN ECONOMICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA AND ALSO STUDIED AT BOWDOIN COLLEGE IN MAINE. MAUTNER-MARKHOF SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH AND IS VERY ACTIVE IN AUSTRIAN-AMERICAN CIRCLES. HE IS PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTRIAN-AMERICAN SOCIETY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN AUSTRIA AND WAS CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE WHICH SELECTED AUSTRIA'S BICENTENNIAL GIFT TO THE U.S. C) MAUTNER-MARKHOF IS MARRIED TO MARGHERITA, NEE COUNTESS CASSIS-FARAONE. IN ADDITION TO HIS MANY BUSINESS ACTIVITIES, HIS PERSONAL INTERESTS INCLUDE NATURE STUDIES, CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, AND SPORTS.BUCHANAN

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